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TAGS: UK MARR MORG

SUBJECT: DISCLOSURE OF ARMED FORCES DEPLOYMENTS IN

UK LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PUBLICATIONS

1. HENN, HEAD OF DS-12, MOD, TOLD POL-MIL ATTACHE THAT MOD PROVIDES ANNUALLY THE UK OFFICE OF POPULATION CENSUS AND SURVEYS (OPCS) WITH DETAILS OF THE NUMBERS OF SERVICE PERSONNEL STATIONED IN THE VARIOUS LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS IN THE UK. THIS INFORMATION IS USED BY OPCS TO COMPILE THEIR POPULATION ESTIMATES. THESE FIGURES THEN ARE DISSEMINATED THROUGH THE REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT (DOE) TO LOCAL AND REGIONAL OR COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENTS AS "RESTRICTED" INFORMATION--MEANING FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY AND NOT FOR PUBLICATION.

2. MOD HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY OPCS WHO ASK IF MOD WOULD OBJECT IF COUNTY COUNCILS WERE TO INCLUDE DETAILS OF ARMED FORCES STRENGTHS IN EACH COUNTY DISTRICT IN REPORTS INTENDED FOR GENERAL PUBLICATION. (THE OPCS

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DATA SPECIFIES THROUGH SEPARATE FIGURES "FOREIGN" SERVIC PERSONNEL FROM UK FORCES PERSONNEL.)

3. MOD FOR ITS PART WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT OBJECT TO PUBLICATION OF TOTAL FIGURES FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL DISTRICT BY DISTRICT IN ENGLAND, WALES, AND SCOTLAND BUT AT THE MOMENT NOT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, FOR OBVIOUS

REASONS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE DISTRICTS IN WHICH SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE, FROM THE UK'S VIEWPOINT, ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY "FOREIGN." THUS, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THE DATA DIFFERENTIATES BETWEEN UK AND NON-UK SERVICE DISTRICT BASIS WOULD DISCLOSE U.S. PERSONNEL STRENGTHS AT A NUMBER OF OUR BASES WHERE THE UK STRENGTH IS VERY LOW. HENN ASKS WHETHER USG HAS ANY OBJECTION TO PUBLICATION OF TOTAL FIGURES OF SERVICE PERSONNEL DISTRICT BY DISTRICT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE TO ANSWER MOD QUERY.

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